सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद महाजन): (क) प्रसार भारती ने सूचित किया है कि श्री जसदेव सिंह को प्रसार भारती के माध्यम से रक्षा मंत्रालय ने इस गणतंत्र दिवस परेड (26 जनवरी, 1999) और राजपथ पर सांस्कृतिक समारोह की सार्वजनिक प्रसारण प्रणाली के द्वारा हिन्दी में कमेंटरी देने के लिए बुक किया था। श्री सिंह ने इस प्रस्ताव को स्वीकार कर लिया था। इसलिए उन्हें प्रसार भारती द्वारा बुक नहीं किया जा सका।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Insurance Cover to Pilgrims

*299. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to introduce a Scheme for granting insurance cover to those undertaking pilgrimage to hazardous places or through hazardous routes; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE BANKING REVEUNE AND FINANCE (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to introduce a specific insurance cover for those undertaking pilgrimage to hazardous places or through hazardous routes only. The four subsidiary companies of the General Insurance Corporation of India are already issuing personal Accident policies covering accidents and illnesses during travel. package Personal Accident Policies under the brand names "Suhana Safar" and "Marg Bandhu" are also issued by the general insurance Companies for travellers. These policies can be taken by domestic travellers as well as those undertaking pilgrimage to hazardous places.

Recruitment of Stores and Supply Assistant

*300. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the name of candidates empanelled vide Indian Airlines reference No. IGIA/PS/bharti/4563-C-6 dated the 20th July, 1995 (examination held on 5th December, 1993, interviews conducted in April, 1994) for the post of "Stores and Supply Assistant" in Indian Airlines indicating General/ST/ST/OBC category;

(b) the date of issuance of appointment offer;

(c) the criteria adopted for the offer of appointment;

(d) whether the empanelled candidates were given appointment offer according to the merit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating category-wise (SC/ST/OBC) names of the candidates; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Interviews for the post of Stores and Supplies Assistant In Indian Airlines, Northern Region were held during April and June, 1994. The names of the empanelled candidates are given in the Statement -I (*see* below)

(b) Appointment letter to one scheduled caste candidate was issued on 7.7.1995 and to 10 other candidates (General category-8, SC-2) were issued on 7.4.1997.

(c) and (d) The offer of appointment was issued in the order of merit in which the candidates were empanelled subject to the number of posts required to be filled and the reservation applicable for SC & ST candidates.

(e) The details of the candidates to whom the offer of appointment was made category wise are given in the Statement-II below.